

Please amend page 4, line 1, by inserting the following heading:

-- BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Please amend page 7, line 23, by inserting the following:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

The figures show:

Figure 1: Flowchart illustrating the principle of the mix/multiplex HTS process.

Figure 2: Schematic representation of the mix/multiplex HTS process using fluorescence bead identification.

Figure 3: Schematic representation of the mix/multiplex HTS process using electronic bead identification.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION --

Please amend page 9, line 28 through page 10, line 3, by deleting the following:

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Please amend page 16, line 1, as follows:

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